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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents DO/EO/US Washington DC 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is directed to a new U.S. application as identified above.

Please enter this preliminary amendment prior to calculating the fees.

Attached are the following substitute pages that include modifications made to the international application under Article 34: pages 3, 34 and 46 in the specification, pages 60-66, containing claims 1-30, and drawing sheet 3, containing Figs. 2A and 2B.

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. A composition as defined in claim 1, wherein said hyperglycemia and insulin resistance are the result of Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes.

4. A composition as defined in claim 1, wherein said fish protein is cod fish protein.

- 12. A use as defined in claim 6, wherein said fish protein is cod fish protein.
- 19. A method as defined in claim 13, wherein said insulin resistance or hyperglycemia is the result of Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes.